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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1004

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BILL AMENDED: Mar 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Access to State Financial Data.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Turner

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires the Auditor of State, the Commission for Higher Education, the Department of Education, and the Department of Local Government Finance to work with the Office of Technology and other agencies to post on the Indiana transparency Internet web site a data base of: (1) state expenditures and fund balances; (2) property owned by the state; and (3) expenditures and fund balances for educational institutions, local governments, and local schools.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary* - This bill requires the Auditor of State, working with the Office of Technology and the Office of Management and Budget to post a listing of state expenditures, fund balances, and real and personal property owned by the state on the Indiana Transparency Portal. The bill also requires that a listing of expenditures, fund balances, and owned real and personal property attributable to state educational institutions, public schools, and political subdivisions be provided on the Indiana Transparency Portal. The bill specifies that the Commission for Higher Education, the Department of Education, and the Department of Local Government Finance will work with the Auditor of State, the Office of Technology, the State Board of Accounts, and the Office of Management and Budget in compiling the information needed for the database.

All other state agencies and state educational institutions should not be significantly affected because the bill does not require a state agency or state educational institution to record information or expend resources for the purpose of computer programming to make information reportable. The bill does require state agencies to cooperate with the Auditor and provide the information necessary for the Auditor to compile the database. It is estimated that all state agencies currently have the information needed for the database.

The portal currently provides a link to a search tool for state contracts, grants, and leases, and an expenditure search tool by state agency. Any additional expense resulting from this bill should be minimal because the Auditor of State and Office of Technology are already working to provide access to state financial data through the Indiana Transparency Portal.

Background Information - The Auditor of State launched the Indiana Transparency Portal in 2010. This website currently provides the following data to the public: state contracts; state employee salaries; budget information; revenue data; agency expenditures; local government annual financial reports; state debt authority overview; performance information; and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) information. In 2011, the Auditor of State's office expects to provide program performance results by associated budget, agency, or program, and a single search tool that provides a program's budget, expenditures, and performance results. Future projects for the transparency site will be to include state university spending and K-12 spending.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill does require public schools and political subdivisions to cooperate with the Office of Management and Budget and provide the information necessary to compile the data base. Political subdivisions and public schools should not be significantly affected because the bill does not require them to record information or expend resources for the purpose of computer programming to make information reportable.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Auditor of State; Office of Technology; Office of Management and Budget; Department of Education; State Board of Accounts; Department of Local Government Finance; Commission for Higher Education.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: www.transparency.in.gov.

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